major part of the area, special purpose spade coring and continuous bathymetric mapping of the sea floor in 50% of the Pioneer Area.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Design and development of a deep seabed mining system which the help of various experts in the country with the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur as a lead agency, has been taken up. Three national laboratories viz. National Metallurgical Laboratory (Jamshedpur), Regional Research Laboratory (Bhubanewsar) and Hindustan Zinc Limited are engaged in development of processes for extraction of metals from nodules. Laboratory investigations on the development of metallurgical processes for extraction of metals from nodules are nearly complete. These processes are to be tested on a larger scale in pilot plants which are likely to be commissioned by early next year.

[*Translation*]

Exemption from Releasing Levy Sugar

4897. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have exempted the Regi Sugar Factory, Sitamari from releasing the levy sugar for public distribution;

(b) if so, the period for which this exemption has been given to the said factory and the reasons or giving such exemption:

(c) whether the crystal sugar of this factory is made available for the public distribution in Sitamari district;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (h). Righa Sugar Factory is entitled to higher free sale quota ranging from 90% to 93% for 7 years from 1989-90 to 1995-96 as per the incentive scheme announced by the Government vide circular dated 26th December, 1988, as amended from time to time.

(c) to (e). After taking into account the aforesaid incentive, levy sugar is being released from Righa Sugar Factory as per its due entitlement. Accordingly, 1011.8 tonnes of levy sugar have been delivered by Food Corporation of India from Righa Sugar Factory to Sitamari District out of 1990-91 seasons's production for public distribution.

Allotment of Industrial plots in Trans-Yamuna Area, Delhi

4898. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether industrial sheds at Loni Road in Trans-Yamuna area were allotted by the Government;

(b) if so, whether these industrial sheds are almost lying closed for want of supply of raw materials and other basic facilities from the Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action being taken to remove these shortcomings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). According to U.P. State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. Out of 32 industrial sheds constructed 29 sheds have been allotted by them in the Industrial Estate-Loni. Two sheds are under litigation and one shed is available for allotment. Out of these, 9 sheds are in production, and production in 6 sheds has been held up due

to certain reasons. Availability of controlled raw material is dependent upon supply and Government policies regarding their distribution.

Scarcity of Drinking Water in Trans-Yamuna Villages

4899. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of trans-Yamuna Villages are facing great difficulty due to scarcity of drinking water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to meet this scarcity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). There are 17 villages in Trans-Yamuna area. Piped water supply could not be provided to two villages, viz., Sabapur Chauhan and Sabapur Gujran which are located in the bed of river Yamuna and are categorised as deserted villages. Piped water supply has been provided in all other villages.

Some complaints of shortage of drinking water are received in summer months from some villages situated at tail end of distribution and pockets of villages at higher elevation. There is presently shortage of water supply only in three villages viz., Kondli, Gharoli and Dalupura.

(c) Delhi Development Authority is constructing a booster station for the adjoining areas of these three villages. With the commissioning of this booster station, it is expected that the pipeline will be extended to supplement water to these three villages. A scheme for construction of Water Treatment Plant and laying of conveyance mains is being prepared in order to augment the water supply in trans-Yamuna area including the rural villages.

Provision of raw material to industrial sheds allotted in Patpar Ganj and Narela

4900. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many persons, whom industrial sheds were allotted in Patpar Ganj Industrial Area and Narela Industrial Area have not got occupation of these sheds;

(b) whether raw materials are not being provided by the Government to those persons who have got the occupation;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed by the Government to remove these difficulties and the time by which these difficulties are likely to be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) According to Delhi Administration, no industrial sheds have been constructed in Patparganj Industrial Area and Narela Industrial area so far. Industrial Plots have been developed in these areas and possession to such allottees as have complied with all the conditions of allotment including payment of full premium, has been handed over.

(b) to (d). No controlled raw material is being provided as none of the allottees has constructed factory building and started functioning.

[English]

Foodgrains in Buffer Stocks

4901. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESHWARLU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state: